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NO ADDITION ON THE DEPOT

Committee Achieves Good Results in its Interview with, Pere Marquette Head.

NO NEW STRUCTURE NOW

City Cannot Get New Depot Until Railroads Get Back to Private Ownership.

The committee from the city council and the Board of Trade, which was in Detroit Thursday, relative to the present union passenger station, achieved some results which promise to be highly satisfactory, in view of the intentions of the railroad and the fact that the roads are now in the hands of the government.

The most important result reached was the securing of a promise from President Alfred of the Pere Marquette that an addition would not be constructed to the present depot, the one thing which more than any other, was what took the committee to see Mr. Alfred.

The question of a new depot was disposed of by reason of the railroads being under government control. The need of such action by the railroads was placed squarely before President Alfred, but he stated that it was out of the question at the present time. Later, when the railroads are turned back to private enterprise, it is expected that action in this respect will quickly be taken.

President Alfred told the committee that he would come to Alma in the very near future and look into conditions personally. This visit, which will probably be made within the next few weeks, will without question go a long way towards convincing him that Alma has grave need for a new union passenger station.

The matter was handled by the committee in a simple business way, the business done at Alma, the future prospects for business here, the inadequacy of the depot, the objections to the additions, the unsanitary conditions and to having the express piled up at the depot being the main features of the argument which were made.

The committee that went to Detroit and interviewed President Alfred in regard to the matter consisted of the city engineer, John White, three members of the Board of Trade, C. F. Brown, D. L. Johnson and H. C. Soule, and two members of the city council, John C. Chick and Nelson Churchill.

STAYS HERE

Announcement Made the Western Carburetor Co. Stays in Alma.

The re-organization of the Western Carburetor company and the adjustment of its financial affairs, accomplished through the cooperation of the board of trade and the citizens of Alma, retains in Alma this promising industry.

During this week a large number of prominent citizens have been investigating the plant and the merits of the kerosene carburetor manufactured by this concern and have purchased substantial blocks of company stock. The future success of the Western Carburetor company is so promising that many of the old stockholders have increased their present holdings and outside applications for stock are being received daily.

Hundreds of these carburetors in actual service have brought letters of highest praise from every state in the union and every province in Canada, proving beyond any question the economy and reliability of the Western Kerosene carburetor. With the necessary capital forthcoming, the new management will be enabled to begin operations at once to supply the nation wide demand for their product and to fill the hundreds of orders which have been standing on the books of the company for some time past.

This home industry deserves the cooperation and financial support of the community and our citizens are going to give this company the backing which it deserves, for our mutual profit, making for the city of Alma another permanent manufacturing industry.

WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

The 8th anniversary of the organization of the local Church of Christ will be observed next Sunday at the church on Pine street, with special addresses by a number of prominent speakers, including the ministers of the Churches of Christ of the Fifth District. Special features of the afternoon service, which will begin at 2:30, will be a sacred concert by the Stalter boys' band of Shepherd and music by the Coe male quartette also a historical address by one of the charter members and communications from those who are absent. These services will be public and an invitation is extended to all.

The W. R. C. Thimble club will meet with Mrs. Alice Garner at her home on East Elm street at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, February 18.

ELWELL CELEBRATES

Gratiot Village Does Honor to Its Returning Soldiers and Sailors.

Nearly six hundred people of Elwell and vicinity gathered at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday evening, February 10, to do honor to the returned soldiers and sailors from that section of the county. Nearly thirty of them were present.

The evening was spent in dancing, visiting and in a general good time. A short program was given, the feature of the greatest interest being the addresses given by some of the boys who had been "over there." Ted Crum, who was in the battle of the Marne, Chateau Thierry, and was finally wounded at the battle of Soissons, told of his thrilling escapes from death, and said that the only kind of a good German was a "dead German." James Barry, who was in the aviation section told of his trip.

After songs by the boys, Glenn Courter gave the assembly call and the boys, headed by Henry Carl, a veteran of the Civil war, fell in and marched to the dining room, where refreshments were served to all.

The meeting was a highly interesting one as it gave those who attended a broader conception of the work that the boys did over in France and of the difficulties which they went through in doing their share to uphold the honor of their country. How well all of them held up their end, everyone knows.

WIN AND LOSE ON TWO DAYS' TRIP

College Basketball Team Wins Its M. I. A. A. Game but Drops to Ypsi Normal.

Thursday evening the Maroon and Cream once again threw the hooks into Olivet, this time on foreign territory. After a hard all day trip on several "creeping things," the Alma quintet pulled into the only civilized place within three miles of Olivet. There they were greeted by some hearse which proceeded to do all they could toward tearing our team to pieces. The game was played in Olivet's abbreviated cigar box and was a fight from the first toss-up. The score was tied several times, but Alma with the sterling work of Boyne, Richards and Tebo succeeded in "putting it over" to the tune of 24-20. Eddie was there with the old fight which characterizes any true G. A. R. vet and Rich was there when it came to rolling 'em in.

The team was so full of pep that when it came away Warner had to lay his restraining hand upon some of the boys. In his efforts to subdue Smith, he forfeited \$3.82 for a broken window in the railway station. Gosh! That's almost enough to buy a new station. But Smith is almost himself now.

Line-up and summary—
OLIVET
Vogel R. F. Boyne
Greenwood L. F. P. Smith
Dunlap C. Anderson
McDonald R. G. Tebo
Williams L. G. Crittenden
Substitution: Richards for P. Smith.
Field Goals: Vogel 5, Greenwood 1, McDonald 2, Richards 4, Boyne 2, F. A. Smith 1, Anderson 1.
Goals from fouls: McDonald 4 in 6, Boyne 8 in 12.
Final score: Alma 24, Olivet 20.

ALMA LOSES TO THE TEACHERS

Alma's quintet was lost completely in the swirl of events on the Ypsilanti arena Friday evening. The snappy, short, passing of the Normals was characteristic of this team as it has been of the former Ypsi basketball aggregations. Our boys are ready to swear that Ypsi can trim the U. of M. if the latter gives her the chance.

The Alma boys fought a snappy game and held their feet well at the beginning of each half but when that scientific hurricane of passing began to advance under the leadership of Powers why—"all is lost."

Line-up and summary—
YPSILANTI
Powers R. F. Boyne
Morris L. F. Richards
Drake C. Anderson
Edwards R. G. Tebo
Lawler L. G. Crittenden
Substitution: Carleson for Morris, Forsythe for Drake, Crane for Edwards, Holloway for Fowler.
Field Goals: Powers 7, Drake 3, Morris 1, Boyne 1, Richards 1, Anderson 2.
Goals from free throws: Powers 4 in 5, Boyne 4 in 9.

IN TROUSERS AGAIN

Albert Beaudry of this city was arrested near Mt. Pleasant Tuesday night for having stolen an automobile from Dr. M. F. Brondstetter of that city. Albert Beaudry is the son of David Beaudry of this city, and is also wanted by the United States government as a deserter from the army. Beaudry had deserted once before and was caught here, and returned to the service.

PETITIONS BEING FILED THIS WEEK

Petitions or Mayoralty Candidates Not Yet in Hands of the City Clerk.

SEVEN FOR COMMISSIONERS

Number of Other Petitions Expected to be Filed Before the End of Week.

The petitions for all candidates for city and ward offices at the spring election must be filed with the city clerk not later than Saturday February 15, or those who expect to seek office will be unable to get their names printed on the primary election ballot.

It must be borne in mind that those who have petitions for city offices must have at least twenty-five and not more than fifty names of qualified and registered voters thereon, when they are filed with the city clerk. The petitions for the ward offices must be signed by not less than ten or more than twenty-five of the qualified and registered voters of the ward.

It is the duty of the city clerk, once these petitions have been filed to compare the signatures thereon with the registration books, to ascertain if the signers of the petitions have been duly registered.

Attention is also called to the fact that one man cannot sign more than one petition for any one office. That is only one petition for mayor may be signed by one man. He may, however, sign four petitions for commissioners, two for the long and two for the short term, as there are four commissioners to be elected this spring. One petition for justice of the peace may be signed and in the wards just one petition for a candidate for supervisor.

During the two weeks just previous to the primary election on March 10 the city clerk is required to publish the list of candidates in one or more of the newspapers of the city. A number of petitions are already on file and it is probable that more will be filed before Saturday night. Following is the list of those for whom petitions have already been filed and the offices which they are seeking:

Commissioner for two years, Albert J. Archer, Phillip W. Creaser, Frank E. Pollasky, Nelson Fullerton; commissioners for four years, John C. Chick, W. E. Wilson and Floyd Glass. No petitions for Charles R. Murphy or Henry H. Soule for mayor have yet been filed, but it is expected that they will be filed not later than Friday. Several other petitions for commissioners will also be filed before the closing hour of filing on Saturday.

In the wards the petitions for supervisors are being filed slowly. So far only two petitions have been filed with the city clerk, these being for N. E. Sand for supervisor in the second ward and for J. D. Helman for supervisor in the fourth ward. A petition for William H. Rogers as a candidate for justice of the peace will probably be filed today or Friday. He is expected to be the only candidate for this office.

ELECT OFFICERS

Republic Athletic Club Organizes and Plans for Busy Season.

At a meeting of the Republic Athletic club held the first of the week at the Republic plant, the club was re-organized, officers elected and plans laid for the athletic activities for the coming spring and summer.

It is the plan of the club to turn out one of the best semi-professional base ball teams in the state this year, a team which will have a schedule of games that will bring some of the finest teams in the midwest to Alma for bouts.

With this end in view the club is planning on a series of entertainments to be held in the near future to secure funds to aid in the work. The club has laid plans for a masked roller skating ball to be held here on March 16, and later will put on some attractive vaudeville attractions.

To aid the club "Doc" Harmon has turned over the equipment and good will of the Alma Athletic club, and Ernest Femby, the Republic's star wrestler has agreed to turn over five per cent of his end of the wrestling matches which he figures in here.

The officers for the club, elected at the meeting, are as follows: president, Joe Weeks; vice president, Glenn R. Wilber; secretary, "Doc" Harmon; treasurer, C. H. Mann.

HOME COMING DANCE

A "home coming" dance will be given at the St. Alma Academy over the postoffice in Alma on Monday evening, February 17, from 8:30 to 11:30. Soldiers and sailors in uniform admitted free. General admission 50 cents per couple. Music by four piece orchestra—adv.

Otto Sanderhoff has on file at his office a complete report of the Four Drive Tractor Company of Big Rapids, which may be of interest to the local stockholders. Anyone interested may see the report at that office.

FIRST OF WOUNDED MEN HAS ARRIVED AT HOME IN ALMA

Floyd, the son of Mrs. Knapp, 101 Grover avenue, is home again from overseas service, being the first Alma man wounded at the front to return to this city. Knapp went across in June, and shortly afterwards was at Chateau Thierry, where the American army stopped the Germans in their last big drive on Paris. After getting out of the hospital he was sent to the Argonne district, taking part there in one of the greatest struggles of the war. He was gassed during this battle, and has not fully recovered from the effects of this. He has high praise for the Red Cross and Salvation army for their work "over there."

M'LEAN MYSTERY IS NOW SOLVED

Reports that Alma Lad is Alive in French Hospital Have Been Proven a Myth.

Fate, working hand in hand, with the official red tape operated by scores of overworked clerks in the war department at Washington, has played a strong game with Mrs. Ella McLean of 105 Rockingham avenue, but now the suspense under which she has been laboring for months has ended. Hopes that she might again see her son, brave little Leslie, are dashed, word having come from France from the Graves Registration Service of the United States army, that the son, Private Leslie C. McLean, lies in a heroes grave in the American cemetery at Jony-sur-Moin, Seine-et-Marne.

A strange tangle of that red tape was made by fate, which has preyed constantly on Mrs. McLean, dashing her hopes, only to raise them and then plunge them to the pit of despair again leaving her with only the consolation which she first had—that her son is in a hero's grave, a martyr to the great cause of humanity, which he had so nobly sought to aid.

Early in August official word came from the war department that Private Leslie McLean had been killed in action July 20. Shortly after, when the chautauque was here, nearly fifteen hundred people were present at the memorial exercises held in honor of the lad, the first of Alma's soldier dead.

Soon after letters were received from his officers in France, which told of the lad being wounded and being taken to a hospital. These letters told of the lad being wounded on July 13. No mention was made that the Alma boy had died, and a mother's hopes began to rise. She might yet see her baby, sixteen-year-old Leslie.

Then came insurance money from the government about Thanksgiving time, and the slight hopes that the letters had raised were dashed again. Then a month later another installment came. This was followed two days later by a request to return the insurance money that Leslie was alive, wounded in a hospital in France.

Once more a mother's hopes were picked up from the dust; a mother's heart was joyful. Surely, such a request and other things in the letter, meant that Leslie was alive.

Letters to France and letters to Washington were sent seeking information. The war department tape is unwinding, and apparently in Washington, Leslie McLean is still listed as alive.

From France, from Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce of the Graves Registration Service of the American army, has come the definite information of the death of Leslie.

Previous to this time Mrs. McLean had received a letter from a St. Louis soldier, who had told of meeting another St. Louis man in France, who had seen young McLean on July 15 wounded, crawling to the first aid station, after having refused assistance. This communication said that the writer had been told by this soldier that McLean had died from loss of blood.

This possibly accounts for the mixups. His officers said he was wounded on July 15, while the government word said he was killed in action July 20. It is probable that his message should have stated, died of wounds. His officers, evidently at their letters showed, had no knowledge that the boy had died in the hospital, where they stated he had been taken.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting of the membership of Alma Board of Trade will be held at the Gratiot County club, Tuesday evening, February 25, 1919, at 8:00 o'clock for election of directors and other business. 82-2-c

D. L. Johnson, Sec'y.

A comedy in three acts, "A Kentucky Belle," will be presented in the I. O. O. F. hall next Tuesday evening, February 18. Only Royal Neighbors, Modern Woodmen and their families admitted. No admission charged.

DeLuxe ice cream.—77-1f-c.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Women Delegates at County Meet for First Time in the Party's History.

ITHACA PLACE OF MEETING

Three of Fifteen Delegates to State Convention Will Be Women.

The Republican county convention was held in Ithaca Tuesday for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention at Lansing on February 18, and for the first time since the incorporation of Alma, this city was not officially represented by delegates at the convention, due to an oversight in not calling the caucuses in the wards here to chose the delegates to go to Ithaca.

The convention was called to order by C. J. Chambers, county chairman, and as the delegates took their seats it became known that the Republican county convention was the first in the history of the county at which there were ladies present as delegates, three of them taking their seats with the St. Louis delegation. They were Mrs. E. A. Branch, Mrs. C. W. Giddings and Mrs. A. N. Martin.

The call of the convention was read, following which, on a motion, the chair appointed a committee on credentials consisting of C. E. Vandever, Mrs. C. W. Giddings and W. C. Mallory and a committee on permanent organization and order of business consisting of W. O. Watson, A. R. Wheeler and Charles Heister. The meeting then adjourned until 1 p. m.

When the convention resumed and Chairman Chambers could not return, Secretary O. L. Smith called the convention to order. The committee on order of business and permanent organization recommended that C. E. Vandever be made permanent chairman and Mrs. E. A. Branch be made permanent secretary. The report was adopted. The committee on credentials then made its report, which was adopted.

This was followed by the selection of the delegates to the state convention, and was marked by the choosing of three ladies from the county as members of the delegation from Gratiot county. Those selected follow:

C. F. Brown, Alma, chairman.
A. R. Wheeler of St. Louis
W. W. McCall of Ithaca
Luther Carter of Lafayette
Frank House of Fulton
Charles Merrill of Breckenridge
Walter Mallory of Elwell
Newell Bradford of Wheeler
Ernest Muscott of Breckenridge
Henry Muench of Ithaca
Ed. Burtch of Wheeler
Mrs. E. A. Branch of St. Louis
Mrs. V. H. Shepherd of Alma
E. Mulholland of Ithaca
Mrs. F. M. Harrington of Ithaca
Before the convention adjourned a woman was appointed from each township and city as a member of the Gratiot County Republican Committee. The list of these committee members follows:

Wheeler—Mrs. Gazett
Bethany—Mrs. Albert Colthrop
St. Louis—Mrs. W. G. West
Seville—Mrs. Marley Slingloff
Lafayette—Mrs. Emma Hopkins
Pine River—Mrs. Will Moody
Emerson—Mrs. Ernest Muscott
Arcadia—Mrs. Melvin Sharrar
Alma—Mrs. V. H. Shepherd
Sumner—Mrs. Sydney Evey
Hamilton—Mrs. Fred Bear
North Star—Mrs. Luther Carter
Ithaca—Mrs. F. M. Harrington
Newark—Mrs. Everett Mulholland
New Haven—Mrs. M. C. Morris
Elba—Mrs. Lewis Kirby
Washington—Mrs. Henry English
Fulton—Mrs. John Hudson
North Shade—Mrs. Frank Salsbury

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain un-called for at this office and if not delivered will be sent to the dead letter office February 24, 1919.

Ed. J. Banko, Frank Bonney, Mr. Donald Branch, Miss Viola Brous, Miss Margaret Curry, Charlie M. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Perl Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fortney, Raymond Grove, Mrs. Lucy Hopkins, Oscar Hantel, Mr. William Liberty, Miss Gloda Marlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mikula, Mrs. Helen Mooney, Frank Macklemire, Mr. W. A. McDowd, Casper Nehl, Joseph O'Riley, Susie Patterson, Sergt. James S. Taylor, C. Wilson.

V. P. Cash, P. M.

The Parent-Teachers' club will meet Friday, February 21, at the Washington school. The meeting will start promptly at 3:00 p. m. The topic for the meeting will be, "The Proper Amount of Social Life for Pupils of Junior High and Early High School Age."

The Social Service Committee of the federated council of churches in Alma is planning a men's meeting for good health, which will be held Sunday afternoon, February 23. The program for the meeting will be announced next week.

TITLE SCRAP

Another Battle or Supremacy of M. I. A. A. Will be Staged Friday.

The Alma collegians will mix on the high school floor Friday night with the strong Hillsdale college five, which comes here with a good record, and hopes to set down the Maroon and Cream in its chase for the M. I. A. A. title tag.

If victory comes to the locals they will have gone a long way towards winning the championship, as the association state of the locals will still be clean. This means that the little scrap will be up to Kalamazoo and Alma. Walcott, a star on the Detroit Central high team last year, and reputed to be the best basketball tosser in the metropolis of the state, has returned to the Maroon and Cream this week from an officers' training camp and the chances are that this star will get into action Friday night at one of the forward positions, increasing the strength of the locals greatly on the offensive work.

The high school team will furnish a preliminary to the big scrap with a game with a Saginaw team. The high school game will start promptly at 7:30 and will be followed immediately by the college battle.

On Saturday the Alma college five will furnish a preliminary to the Michigan M. A. C. game at East Lansing, playing the strong Aggie All Fresh team. This battle is also expected to be a hard fought one.

GRATIOT CLUB TO HAVE FORMAL OPENING

Saturday, February 22, is Set for Opening Day of the Club House.

At a meeting of the directors of the Gratiot County club held Monday evening, it was decided to formally open the Gratiot club house at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, February 22, and keep it open to the public up to and including the night of Monday, February 24.

Members of the club and their friends will receive invitations to the opening. Manager Darraugh of the club house already having started to arrange for this detail of the work.

Soon after the opening a ladies' night will be arranged for at which time they will be invited to attend the club house and inspect the place, and its contents. The date for the ladies' night has not been set as yet, but it will probably be within a very short time after the club house is started.

When the club house opens on the 22 it will be complete in every detail, it is expected. The workmen, who are doing the remodeling and the redecorating on the structure are working overtime this week to get the building entirely ready for the opening, and it is expected that there will be no trouble in getting this work completely done before that time.

The furniture and other material which has been ordered for the club house is beginning to arrive and is being installed. An expert has been called from Grand Rapids, who will have charge of the hanging of the draperies and curtains throughout the club house.

Manager Darraugh stated Tuesday that as soon as the club house has been opened that the membership fee of the club will be raised from \$10.00 to \$25.00. A large number have been joining the club within the past few weeks and it is believed that quite a few more will make application for membership during the coming week, before the membership fee is raised.

BATTLE IN PROSPECT

Femby Willing to Meet Abd-El-Majead in Wrestling Match Next Tuesday.

A wrestling contest of more than passing interest has been billed for Washington's birthday, Abd-El-Majead of Turkey having been matched to meet Ernest Femby here on that date.

Majead, who is under the management of Wilfred Barrett, middle weight champion of the midwest, is a comer, and it took some flattering inducements to bring the dusky son of the Sultan to Alma. His manager believes that he will soon cop off Earl Caddocks' heavy weight crown.

Femby is well known as a crack wrestler, and according to his manager, Mr. Weeks, there are not five men in the country club who can pin Femby's shoulders to the mat twice in a single night. Femby's ability is well known here by the lovers of the sport and a crowded house is certain to turn out on this match.

The Turk will be here two days before the match so that there will be no fiasco as on the evening of the previous match. He will train at the factory during the two days.

An added attraction will be staged between Barrett, one of the best middleweight wrestlers of the world, and Frenchy La Bart of this city. They will meet in a thirty minute handicap match, Barrett agreeing to throw La Bart twice during that time.

QUICK CURE FOR CROUP
Watch for the first symptom of croup, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR MRS. JOHNSON

Trial of Alma Woman Held for Murder Will Go Outside of County is Decision.

ISABELLA COUNTY THE PLACE

Case Will be Brought up in Circuit Court at County Seat, Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Inez Johnson of this city, held in the county jail on a charge of murder for complicity in the death of Miss Beatrice Epler on the night of September 4, 1917, at the home of Mrs. Hiram Gilson, will be tried in Isabella county, as a result of the decision of Circuit Judge E. J. Moinet, following the arguments this week for a change of venue for the woman.

The petition for the change of venue was filed about two weeks ago by Attorney Charles H. Goggin of this city, representing the defendant, after which numerous affidavits were sought by the prosecutors office to the effect that Mrs. Johnson could receive a fair and impartial trial in the county. A large number of these were introduced when the motion was argued Monday.

It was set forth in the motion for the change of venue that Mrs. Johnson could not get a fair and impartial trial in Gratiot county, because of the public sentiment existing in Gratiot county regarding the crime, probably greater since the conviction of Albert Eichorn last spring in connection with the same crime on a charge of murder in the first degree.

It was also set forth that the cost of bringing the case to trial in this county would be prohibitive because of the difficulty that would be experienced in securing a jury to hear the case.

Without a question the great trouble experienced in securing a jury for the Albert Eichorn case in this county, and the comparative ease with which a jury for the Brennen case was secured in Clinton county, played an important part in deciding Judge E. J. Moinet to grant the change of venue.

The arguments for the change of venue were made before Judge Moinet on Monday afternoon, but his decision was withheld until Tuesday, pending the filing of some exhibits. After these were filed on Tuesday, he granted the change and gave the attorneys until Wednesday morning to decide the place of trial, Ionia, Montcalm or Isabella counties being recommended. Ora L. Smith, prosecutor, and C. H. Goggin, attorney for Mrs. Johnson, speedily thrashed the matter out, and shortly after Judge Moinet was informed that they had reached an agreement to have the case tried in Isabella county. Mt. Pleasant, the county seat of that county, was set by the court as the place of the trial.

Mrs. Johnson was arrested at her home in Alma about the middle of December, 1917, at the same time that Albert Eichorn and John F. Brennen were arrested, all being charged with complicity in the crime. She was taken to the county jail of Clinton county at St. Johns, pending the hearing. At the hearings of the three held in Ithaca they were all bound over to circuit court for trial on a charge of first degree murder. Bail was not allowed.

Last spring the trial of Albert Eichorn was held in Ithaca, after a petition for a change of venue had been denied. After a trial lasting over a month Eichorn was convicted and sentenced to Marquette prison for life.

Following his conviction a petition for a change of venue for John F. Brennen was filed in the court, which was granted and the case was taken to Clinton county for trial. At the trial, held early in the winter in St. Johns, Brennen was found not guilty by a jury, and became a free man again, just before the new year was ushered into being.

IS HONORED

Another Gratiot Boy Received Distinguished Service Cross.

Heroism on the field of battle in France has brought its reward to another son of Gratiot county, Sergt. Gilbert A. Spencer of Sumner, he having been awarded the distinguished service cross by the commander-in-chief of the army in the name of the president.

The citation which brought to Sergt. Gilbert Spencer of Sumner, the honor which was awarded him, follows:

First Sergeant Gilbert A. Spencer, A. S. No. 40657, Company K, 9th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Soissons, France, July 18, 1918. After being severely wounded and ordered to the rear by his commanding officer, Sergeant Spencer gathered together about fifteen men, who were retreating, took them back to the line and turned them over to the commanding officer of his company. Home address T. A. Spencer, father, Sumner, Michigan.

Excellent attractions at the Idle-hour every night.—adv.